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Eighth session
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PROVISIONAL AND ANNOTATED AGENDA, INCLUDING LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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   (a) The international consultative meeting on technical cooperation among developing countries held in Morocco in 1993;

   (b) The extent to which the recommendations of the report of the South Commission pertaining to technical cooperation among developing countries can be implemented;

   (c) Progress of preparation of guidelines for the review of policies and procedures in those organizations of the United Nations development system concerning technical cooperation among developing countries;

   (d) Intergovernmental programming exercise for technical cooperation among developing countries.

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10. Provisional agenda for the 1995 session of the High-level Committee on the review of technical cooperation among developing countries.

11. Other matters.

12. Adoption of the report of the High-level Committee.

Annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

2. Election of the President of the session

Rule 10 of the rules of procedure provides for the election by the Committee of the President at the beginning of the session. Rule 40 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda approved at its seventh session.

The Committee may further wish to decide on its organization of work on the basis of suggestions by the secretariat.

Documentation

Provisional and annotated agenda, including list of documents (TCDC/8/L.1)

Organization of work (TCDC/8/L.2)

Status of pre-session documents (TCDC/8/1)

4. Election of officers other than President

Rule 10 of the rules of procedure of the Committee provides that, in addition to the President, the Committee shall elect three vice-presidents and a rapporteur, and rule 40 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

5. Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-level Committee

In accordance with recommendations 37 (a), (b), and (c) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134, and with the Committee's decision 7/5 (paras. 10, 14 and 16), the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will present to the Committee a report on the progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action. The report prepared by the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) provides, on tbe basis of the biennial progress reports submitted by the organizations of the United Nations development system, an assessment of their initiatives to integrate and promote TCDC in their technical cooperation activities. Similarly, it responds to decision 7/4 (para. 5) based on the responses of some Governments of both developed and developing countries, and intergovernmental organizations on their activities in support for and promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries. This single report is in response to paragraph 10 of the Committee's decision 7/5 concerning the submission of a single document to the eighth High-level Committee containing an analysis of the information provided by Governments and organizations with conclusions and recommendations as appropriate.

Documentation

Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I)

Progress made in the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, including information from some Governments and intergovernmental organizations on their activities in TCDC (TCDC/8/2)

6. Consideration of reports by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Responding to the Committee's decisions of 7/2, 7/8, 7/9, the Administrator will present to the Committee for its consideration reports on the results of the International Consultative Meeting on Technnical Cooperation among Developing Countries; on the extent to which recommendations of the report of the South Commission pertaining to TCDC can be implemented; on the progress of the implementation of High-level Committee decision 7/1, to convene a special meeting of the TCDC focal points of the United Nations development system for the preparation of guidelines for the reviews of policies and procedures in those organizations covering technical cooperation among developing countries; and on the outcome of the evaluation of the intergovernmental programming exercises.

Documentation

(a) International Consultative Meeting on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC/8/3, chap. I)

(b) Extent to which recommendations of the South Commission report pertaining to technical cooperation among developing countries can be implemented (TCDC/8/3, chap. II)

(c) Preparation of guidelines for the review of policies and procedures of the organizations of United Nations development system concerning TCDC (TCDC/8/3, chap. III)

(d) Intergovernmental programming exercises on TCDC (TCDC/8/3, chap. IV)

7. Review of the strategy for the promotion and application of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations system in the 1990s

Responding to decision 7/6 of the Committee, the Administrator will submit a report on the development of a strategy for the promotion and application of TCDC in technical cooperation programmes and activities of the United Nations development system in the 1990s.

Documentation

Report on the development of a strategy framework on TCDC for the promotion and application of TCDC (TCDC/8/4)

8. Organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries

In response to decision 7/3 of the Committee, the Administrator will submit a report on the status of staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC in relation to its mandated functions. The Committee will also consider relevant organizational and supportive arrangements for TCDC such as administrative, legal, information and financial matters.

Documentation

Measures to facilitate TCDC - staffing for the Special Unit for TCDC (TCDC/8/5)

9. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

10. Provisional agenda for the 1995 session of the High-level Committee on the review of technical cooperation among developing countries

11. Other matters

12. Adoption of the report of the High-level Committee

Annex

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION

TCDC/8/L.1 Provisional and annotated agenda, including list of documents

TCDC/8/L.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

TCDC/8/1 Status of pre-session documents

TCDC/8/2 Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

TCDC/8/3 Reports by the Administrator of UNDP on:

(a) International Consultative Meeting on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;

(b) The extent to which recommendations of the South Commission report pertaining to technical cooperation among developing countries can be implemented;

(c) Progress of the implementation of the High-level Committee decision to convene a special meeting of the United Nations development system focal points for the preparation of guidelines for the review of policies and procedures in those organizations of United Nations development system concerning TCDC;

(d) Intergovernmental programming exercises on technical cooperation among developing countries.

TCDC/8/4 Report on the development of a strategy for the promotion and the application of technical cooperation among developing countries in technical cooperation programmes and activities of the United Nations development system in the 1990s

TCDC/8/5 Organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries (such as administrative, legal, information and financial)

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Administrator

1. By its resolution 46/159 of 19 December 1991, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the seventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ including the recommendations and decisions contained therein, and reiterated the continued validity of all the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 2/ and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries.

2. By its decision 38/441 of 19 December 1983, the General Assembly took note of the report of the High-level Committee on the work of its third session 3/ and thereby of the following arrangements for the fourth and subsequent sessions, as outlined in paragraph 81 of the report:

(a) The session will be scheduled for a duration of up to one week prior to the regular session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on the understanding that, after translation of the draft report and any draft decisions, a further meeting of the Committee may then be scheduled during the following week, if necessary to adopt the report. In conformity with the arrangements set out above, the general debate will be conducted in plenary meetings from 25 to 27 May 1993;

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(b) The first three days of the session will be devoted to a general debate. Based on the views and suggestions expressed during this debate, the Working Group will then meet, as of the third working day of the session, for a duration of three days, to elaborate draft decisions and recommendations. Thus, two simultaneous meetings are required for only one day during the Committee's session.

3. The annex to the present note contains a tentative programme of work for the session. The Committee may wish to decide that, once the speakers' list for the plenary meetings on 25 and 27 May is exhausted and if sufficient meeting time remains, the Working Group would be convened immediately thereafter, thereby ensuring full utilization of the available conference services.

4. All meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In view of the limited time and services at the Committee's disposal, it will be important that all meetings start promptly at the scheduled time. In an effort to make the best use of all services, and in line with the practice of the General Assembly and other bodies, it is also suggested that for the current session the Committee may consider waiving the relevant part of rule 16 of its rules of procedure (TCDC/2/Rev.1), which stipulates that the President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating are present.

5. To plan for the efficient conduct of the three-day general debate on items 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda (TCDC/7/L.1), it is proposed that a list of speakers be opened at UNDP headquarters, Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat (telephone 906-5746) on Monday, 3 May 1993 and closed at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 May 1993. Following past practice as endorsed by the General Assembly, statements in the general debate will be limited to no more than 15 minutes for representatives of States and 10 minutes for other participants. In order to save time, several States or groups of States sharing common positions may also wish to consider presenting joint statements. Delegations wishing to have their statements circulated to all participants are requested to provide 250 copies to the secretariat, which will arrange for their circulation in the language or languages received.

6. Rule 10 of the Committee's rules of procedure stipulates that its officers are the President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Working Group may wish to follow the practice of previous sessions whereby the Vice-President presiding over the Working Group would serve as its Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. Based on previous practice and taking into account General Assembly decision 33/417 of 14 December 1978 on the organization of the work of United Nations bodies, it is urged that the regional groups start consultations on the nomination of candidates to fill these elective posts well in advance of the session with a view to agreeing on a slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled, thus allowing all offices of the Committee to be elected by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement of a secret ballot.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/46/39).

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39).

Annex

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK

	TUESDAY 25 May 1993		WEDNESDAY 26 May 1993		THURSDAY 27 May 1993		FRIDAY 28 May 1993		FRIDAY 4 June 1993	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
PLENARY MEETINGS	Opening of the session (1) Organizational matters (2), (3) and (4) General debate and review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-Level Committee (5) Consideration of reports by the Administrator (6)	Items (5) and (6) (continued) Review of the strategy for the promotion and support of TCDC (7) Organizational and supportive arrangements for TCDC (8)	Items (5), (6) (7) and (8) (continued)	Items (5), (6), (7) and (8) (continued)	Items (5), (6), (7) and (8) (continued)					Adoption of report of the Working Group (9) Provisional agenda for 1995 session of HLC (10) — Other matters (11) Adoption of report of HLC (12)
WORKING GROUP					Election of Rapporteur; Organization of work; Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of HLC (5)	Item 5 (continued) Consideration of reports by the Administrator (6) Review of strategy for the promotion and support of TCDC (7)	Organizational and supportive arrangements for TCDC '8) Draft decision	Items (5), (6), (7) and (8) (continued) Draft decision		

Note: One other meeting may be held during the week of 31 May 1993, if necessary, to adopt the report of the Committee and finalize its work for the session.